

- C. S. J. Therefore should you find any Difficulty arise in the Management of the Works under your Care, you may (if you think proper) apply to their Managers for such Instructions as you may want.

The Council of Safety is very desirous of knowing what Forwardness the Works under your management are in, and request you would from Time to Time communicate to them what Quantity of crude Nitre you expect to furnish the public with.

Adjourned till next Day half after 9 O'Clock.

C. S. C.  
No. 18.

[Council to Philadelphia Committee.]

To the Committee of Safety of Philadelphia.

Gentn :

By Order of the last Convention a sum of Money was appropriated for the erecting a Manufactory of Salt Petre in every County of this Province and Supervisors in each County were appointed to carry the same into Execution.

It was also earnestly recommended to the People to manufacture crude Nitre in their private Families and an ample Price was directed to be paid them for what they should make and deliver to each Supervisor.

We are not insensible of the natural Advantages we possess for manufacturing that necessary Article and have some Men skilful in promoting it residing among us, but are nevertheless greatly indebted to you for your kind and obliging Offer of instructing such Persons of our Province as may be thought necessary at your Public Works—An offer that may be of great Service to our Supervisors living distant from the Residence of our Men of Skill, to whom we shall communicate the same and press them to accept it.

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No. 19.

[Council to Scott.]

To Gustavus Scott Esq<sup>r</sup>

Sir.

The Council of Safety have stipulated and agreed with a Contractor for supplying the regular Forces of this Province with Provisions, but as some Time must be given to provide the several Articles which compose a Ration and it cannot reasonably be expected he will be able to furnish them earlier than the 10<sup>th</sup> of next Month. the Troops must be subsisted on the 7/6 p<sup>r</sup> Week allowed for that Purpose in the Instructions enlisting them.

The Captains of Independent Companies agreeable to a